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SUBJECT: LOS: MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 6

1. SUMMARY: AT ITS FINAL MEETING OF MARCH / APRIL SESSION OF UN SEABED COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE (A) ASKED SECRETARIAT TO PRODUCE US- PROPOSED STUDY RE PRECEDENTS OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF MULTILATERAL TREATY, (B) AGREED CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE SHOULD ENGAGE IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS RE POSSIBLE LOS CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS, (C) TOOK SEVERAL PROCEDURAL DECISIONS, AND (D) HEARD REPORTS OF SUBCOMITE AND WG CHAIRMAN. PRC DEL DISTRIBUTED PRESS RELEASE EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO FACT THAT US DEL HAD EARLIER CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS LISTING REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN). SEE SEPTTEL RE LATTER SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. SUBCOMITE I CHAIRMAN ENGO REFERRED TO DOCUMENT SUMMING UP HIS VIEWS OF SESSION (A/ AC.138/ SCI/ L.23). SC II CHAIRMAN GALINDO POHL WILL CIRCULATE SHORTLY HIS VIEWS. SAID SC II IS NOW AT " TAKEOFF STAGE" IN WHICH ACTUAL DRAFTING OF TREATY ARTICLES SHOULD BEGIN SOON. HE THOUGHT RESULTS OF MARCH / APRIL MEETING SATISFACTORY AND GIVE IMPETUS TO COMITE' S WORK. WG CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMITE II KADADI SAID WG HAS ALMOST REACHED DRAFTING STATE IN SOME AREAS.
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URGED DELS TO SUBMIT TREATY ARTICLES ASAP. SUBCOMITE III CHAIRMAN VAN DER ESSEN CIRCULATED REPORT OF HIS SUBCOMITE

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3. CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE SAID COMITE CAN TAKE SATISFACTION IN PROGRESS ACHIEVED AT THIS SESSION. NOTED NUMBER OF DRAFT TEXTS SUBMITTED BY DELS. SUPPORTED FOR SUBMISSIONS BY DELS ON DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES, URGING THAT THIS BE DONE ON ALL SUBJECTS BEFORE COMITE. SAID NOTE ON CONFERENCE HE HAD CIRCULATED WAS NOT INTENDED TO LEAD TO ACTION AT THIS SESSION EXCEPT REGARDING SUGGESTIONS THAT SECRETARIAT PROVIDE COMITE NOT LATTER THAN END OF SUMMER SESSION WITH DESCRIPTION OF ARRANGEMENTS ENVISAGED FOR LOS CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH COMITE DID NOT TAKE SPECIFIC DECISION REGARDING THIS REQUEST IT APPEARS FROM DISCUSSIONS THAT SECRETARIAT WILL BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE STUDY AS PART OF ITS NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES. HE FELT STRONGLY COMITE SHOULD NOT DISCUSS RULES OF PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AT SUMMER SESSION. AMERASINGHE SAID IT SHOULD BE DONE IN AN INFORMAL CONSULTATION AND THAT HE INTENDED TO CONSULT MEMBERS, VARIOUS INTERESTS GROUPS, AND NON- MEMBER OF COMITE.

4. AFTER LONG PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION IN WHICH ASIAN GROUP PROPOSED SYG SEND CIRCULAR NOTE TO MEMBERS AND NON- MEMBERS, COMITE FINALLY AGREED SUCH NOTE UNDESIRABLE SINCE AMONG OTHER ISSUES IT RAISED CONFERENCE INVITATION ISSUE AND THAT INSTEAD CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE SHOULD ENGAGE IN APPROPRIATE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

5. WITH GREAT SPEED, AMERASINGHE OBTAINED COMITE AGREEMENT TO CREATION OF COMPLETE FILE OF LOS DOCUMENTS FOR SUMMER MEETING, COMPILATION OF LOS- RELATED RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PREPARATION OF HISTORY OF SEABED NEGOTIATIONS BY SECRETARIAT (TO BE READY EARLY NEXT YEAR); AND AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AGENCIES. AMERASINGHE SAID SUMMER SESSION WOULD HAVE INTERPRETATION CAPABILITY FOR THREE IN SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS IN MORNING AND THREE IN AFTERNOON. HE SAID SUMMARY RECORDS COULD BE PROVIDED FOR ONLY ONE MORNING MEETING AND ONE AFTERNOON MEETING AND THAT FOR LAST TWO WEEKS OF SUMMER SESSION IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO HAVE CAPACITY FOR TWO IN MORNING AND TWO IN AFTERNOON SINCE COMITE AND ITS SUBCOMITES WOULD BE WRITING THEIR FINAL REPORTS FOR THE GA AND

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THE CONFERENCE. EVEN BEFORE SECRETARIAT HAD GIVEN FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OR ANY DEL COULD SPEAK, AMERASINGHE GAVELLED DECISION THROUGH COMITE.

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